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1. Basis of the report

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b. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, see continuation of this first sheet.

2. Certain claims were found unsearchable (see continuation of this first sheet)

3. Unity of invention is lacking (see continuation of this first sheet)

4. With regard to the title,

the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

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the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in the continuation of this first sheet. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. With regard to the drawings,

a. the figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 1

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b. none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

C08F 290/00, C08F 2/22, C08F 2/50, A61K 31/74, A61K 9/50, A61L 15/22, C12N 5/00
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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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